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Application Number	10/728,526
Filing Date	December 5, 2003
First Named Inventor	Stephen J. Kramer
Art Unit	3723
Examiner Name	S. McDonald
Attorney Docket Number	2269-4371.1US (00-0118.017US)

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In re Application of:

Stephen J. Kramer

Serial No.: 10/728,526

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CONDITIONING A CHEMICAL
MECHANICAL POLISHING PAD

Confirmation No.: 8284

Examiner: S. McDonald

Group Art Unit: 3723

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Sir:

This communication is being filed in response to the final rejections presented in the Office Action mailed on July 1, 2005, which were maintained in the Advisory Action of September 20, 2005. This communication is being submitted on Monday, October 3, 2005, with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and should be deemed to have been filed during the three month shortened statutory period for responding to the Final Office Action, which expired on Saturday, October 1, 2005. 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.